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Moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land mines

The General Assembly,

Noting that there are as many as 85 million un-cleared land mines throughout the world, particularly in rural areas,

Expressing deep concern that such mines kill or maim hundreds of people each week, mostly unarmed civilians, obstruct economic development and have other severe consequences, which include inhibiting the repatriation of refugees and the return of internally displaced persons,

Recalling with satisfaction the adoption of resolution 48/7 of 28 October 1993 by which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the problems caused by mines and other unexploded devices,

Convinced that a moratorium by States exporting anti-personnel mines that pose grave dangers to civilian populations would reduce substantially the human and economic costs resulting from the use of such devices and would complement the aforementioned initiatives,

Noting with satisfaction that several States have already declared moratoriums on the export, transfer or purchase of anti-personnel land mines and related devices,

1. Calls upon States to agree to a moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land mines that pose grave dangers to civilian populations;

2. Urges States to implement such a moratorium;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report concerning progress on this initiative, including possible recommendations regarding further appropriate measures to limit the export of anti-personnel land mines, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under the item entitled "General and complete disarmament".